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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Rainer BAEDER  
BACKGROUND NOISE  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref. Q77579

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 8 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	5 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	3 - 3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$750.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>							<b>\$750.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment							\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>							<b>\$790.00</b>

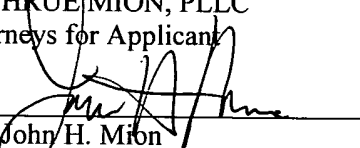
Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
European	02360286.5	October 21, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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